

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Closing system, ~~in particular~~ for motor vehicles, comprised of a handle (10) comprised of two shells (11, 12), one of which is a base shell, and a lock (54) on the vehicle on at least one door (58) ~~(52)~~, ~~flap~~, ~~or the like~~ as well as an electronic control,

wherein the lock (54) can be switched between two states, i.e., a first state, preventing opening of the door (52) and a second state, allowing opening of the door (58) ~~(52)~~, ~~flap~~ ~~or the like~~,

and wherein in the area of the handle (10) at least one switching element (18) is arranged with which the electronic control can be activated, via which the lock (54) can be transferred from its first state into the second state allowing opening of the door (58) ~~(52)~~, ~~flap~~ ~~or the like~~,

wherein the switching element (18) is integrated water-tight in a container (13, 13', 13'', 13'''),

and the container (13, 13', 13'', 13''') on at least one side has a touch surface (15') for actuating the switching element (18),

and the container (13, 13', 13'', 13''') is introduced without play into a receptacle (16) of the base shell (11) of the handle (10, 10', 10'', 10'''),

and the base shell (11) of the handle (10, 10', 10'', 10''') has a window cutout (14) in its outer wall (19, 20) in the area of the receptacle (16) in which, when the container (13, 13', 13'', 13''') is inserted into the receptacle (16), ~~the container surface supporting~~ the touch surface (15, 15') is positioned in a form-locking manner.

2. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein in the area of the receptacle (16) guides (17) are provided in the handle (10, 10', 10'', 10''') for a shock-safe securing of the container (13, 13', 13'', 13''').
3. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein the switching elements (18) are electronically operating push switching elements.
4. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein an additional switching element (25) for securing the closing system is mounted in the handle (10) which can be actuated by a touch surface (26).

5. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein the switching elements (18, 25) are microswitches.
6. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein the switching elements (18, 25) are pressure sensors.
7. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein the switching elements (18, 25) are switching foils.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 4, wherein the additional switching element (25) for securing the closing system is integrated into the container (13).
10. (Currently amended) Closing system according to claim 9, wherein the additional switching element (25) for securing the closing system is arranged at the side of the container (13) opposite the touch surface (15) ~~(25)~~.
11. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein the container (13, 13', 13'') is an enclosed component.
12. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein the container (13, 13', 13'') is of a unitary configuration and the switching element (18, 25) is enclosed in its container interior (21).

13. (Currently amended) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein the container (13, 13', 13'') is closed in a ~~an~~ media-tight way.
14. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein the handle (10, 10', 10'', 10''') is comprised of a base shell (11) comprising the receptacle (19) and a cover part (12).
15. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein the window cutout (14) is arranged on the side (23) of the handle (10, 10', 10'', 10''') facing the door.
16. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein the window cutout (27) is arranged on the side (24) of the handle (10) facing away from the door.
17. (Currently amended) Closing system according to claim 1 ~~8~~, wherein the switching element (25) for securing the closing system is arranged in the window cutout (27) arranged at the side (24) of the handle (10) facing away from the door.
18. (Previously presented) Closing system according to claim 1, wherein on the touch surface (15, 15') of the container (13, 13', 13'') markings (22) that are characterized and/or can be felt by touch are provided.